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- At the end of January 1954 a criminal court trial was held in secret against personnel of the management and the technical staff of VEB Kalikombinat Heiligenroda, an enterprise under the Main Administration for Potash and Non-Ore Mining in the Production Area for Chemistry of the East German Ministry for Heavy Industry. After the trial no publicity was given in either the East German press or radio to the proceedings and to the penalties inflicted upon the defendants.
- The defendants were accused of sabotage and, in particular, of sabotaging reparations deliveries to Asia. Heavy penalties were imposed. The former director of the enterprise, Dr. Nachtrigall (fmu), received a sentence of eight years in a penitentiary; the former technical director, Dr. Winter (fmu), received a sentence of seven years. Other defendants received sentences ranging from two to eleven years.

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